

## McNAMARAS MAKE FULL CONFESSION PUTTING END TO SENSATIONAL TRIAL

### STORY OF GUILT EXCITES LEADERS IN WASHINGTON

President Gompers Leaves  
for Troy, N. Y., as News  
Reaches the Capital, and  
Secretary Frank Morris-  
son Remains Silent.

Unused Part of Gigantic Defense  
Fund Raised by Union Men in  
All Sections of the Country  
to Be Returned to the Va-  
rious Contributors.

Stunning in its suddenness, the announcement in Washington late yesterday afternoon that James B. and John J. McNamara had pleaded guilty, respectively, of blowing up the Los Angeles Times Building and the Llewellyn Iron Works, left the officials of the American Federation of Labor speechless. Less than two weeks ago Samuel Gompers, president of the highest labor tribunal in this country, had come forth in a scathing arraignment of the McNamara brothers' prosecutors, during which he reiterated his claim that the cases against them formed "the most gigantic conspiracy in American history."

Frank Morrison, who had been no less active, was still in the city, and the fund which was being raised from every union laboring man in the world to defend the brothers, was still in the city. At American Federation headquarters it was stated last night that President Gompers had really received first news of the plea of guilty. It is supposed to have come from Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the two men, as soon as the agreement between himself and the district attorney had been reached. Immediately upon receipt of this news President Gompers left Washington at 4 o'clock for Troy, N. Y., where he will remain for several days.

Frank Morrison, leader in the nationwide defense, went to his home immediately after first word of the plea was entered and remained there for the remainder of the evening. A copy of an evening extra was taken to him, but he refused to read it. "I have been told that this is merely an outline of the happenings," he explained, "and I prefer to read the complete account in the morning papers. Until I know every circumstance which surrounds this astounding confession, I will be unable to make any statement."

Silent on "Innocence." "Do you think," he was asked, "that the McNamara brothers could have been clever enough to convince all labor leaders who have come to their aid that they were innocent?" Mr. Morrison was asked, "I will not discuss that proposition at this time," was the reply.

"Will the American Federation of Labor's threatened prosecution against Detective Burns be pushed?" "That is another question I cannot answer at this time," said Mr. Morrison.

"Was there any reason for labor leaders to anticipate this result?" "None that I know of," replied Mr. Morrison.

On only one subject would Mr. Morrison talk. That was the \$400,000 fund, of which he is guardian, and which was to have been used in the defense of the McNamara brothers and the prosecution of the detectives who brought about their arrest. "We have merely acted as the intermediary for the labor unions in this matter," explained Mr. Morrison, "and all the management of the fund has really been left to Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the McNamara brothers. He has spent whatever money has been spent."

Money Raising Stops. "Of course, no further effort will be made to add to the fund. It is not the desire of this body to obtain money unless the fund is needed."

"First of all, it will be necessary for Mr. Darrow to render to the American Federation of Labor an accounting of the money he has spent. After that we will tally up with the vouchers. What is left will be refunded to those men who contributed to the fund. The return will be made on a pro rata basis."

#### McNAMARA FUND GOES TO UNIONS

First among the questions raised when news reached Washington that the McNamara brothers had pleaded guilty to the charge of dynamiting the Los Angeles Times Building was where the huge fund, raised at the earnest appeal of the American Federation of Labor to defend the union men from "conspiracy," would go.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was first to urge that a sum of \$1,000,000 be raised. Secretary Frank Morrison was appointed general treasurer of the fund. According to unofficial statements, about \$400,000 was collected. Concerning the fund, Mr. Morrison said last night:

"This money has been paid direct to Clarence Darrow, counsel for the McNamara brothers, and he spent it as he saw fit. Mr. Darrow will be required to furnish an accounting of the money. Whatever remains of the fund after all expenses have been deducted will be returned to those union men who contributed, on a pro rata basis."

#### TWO WASHINGTON MEN WITH SHUSTER FACE GRAVE PERIL

Robert R. Brott and Daniel  
J. Waters Aid American.

In the shadow of clouds which may at any time burst into an international storm of war between Russia and Persia, and probably involve the United States, Robert R. Brott and Daniel J. Waters, both of Washington, are facing serious peril as secretary and assistant secretary to W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general of Persia, whose acts have so aroused the ire of Russia that she has demanded his expulsion from Persia within ten days.

STICKING TO SHUSTER. Since Brott and Waters left Washington two months ago to assume their duties as confidential aids to Shuster, no word has been received from them, so far as could be learned from their relatives in this city last night, but friends of the young men declare that Brott and Waters are undoubtedly standing valiantly with Shuster.

That the United States inevitably will be drawn into the imbroglio because of Uncle Sam's duty to protect the two young Washingtonians was generally admitted in diplomatic circles here last night when it became known that Brott and Waters are in Teheran, and that their lives, liberty, and property may be in danger similar to the peril which Shuster is confronting.

Six months ago Shuster began his service as treasurer general of Persia under a three years' contract and shortly after he assumed his duties, he requested Brott to accept the position of private secretary at a salary of more than \$2,000.

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#### MEN WHO PLEADED GUILTY AND THEIR ATTORNEY.



From left to right—John J. McNamara, Attorney Joseph Scott, and James B. McNamara. This photograph was taken in the council room of the courthouse at Los Angeles a few weeks ago.

a year. Brott was authorized to employ an assistant secretary and he engaged Waters. Shuster cabled \$1,200 to the young men for their traveling expenses, and they left for Persia October 1, going via Paris.

May He Be Peril. It is understood that Brott and Waters are occupying Shuster's suite in the palace at Teheran. Situated in the very heart of what soon may become an international struggle, and closely associated with the man who caused the strife, Brott and Waters may find themselves in grave peril unless the tangle is straightened out.

Advices from Teheran indicate that a crisis has been reached and it is feared that Persia has precipitated a clash which can but culminate in war. Regarding the advice of Great Britain, Persia refused to comply with Russia's demand to dismiss Shuster, and Russia at once replied by ordering troops to march to Teheran from Enzeli, a Caspian seaport.

The national council did not reject Russia's ultimatum concerning the expulsion of Shuster until the members consulted Shuster. He advised the members of the council to disregard him and consider only the interests of Persia. In open session the council at once voted almost unanimously to reject Russia's ultimatum, the majority of the members declaring it would be national suicide to yield to the demand of the more powerful nation.

The advances further state that anti-Russian riots are in progress in various parts of the city and that Ala-Eldowleh, former governor of a Persian province, who has shown pro-Russian sympathies, was assassinated in the street.

#### DIAMONDS IN MUD.

Necklace Valued at \$3,000 Lost  
During Football Game.

Allston, Mass., Dec. 1.—Trampled deep in mud near the railroad tracks, the \$3,000 diamond necklace of Mrs. W. T. Reid, Jr., lost at the Yale-Harvard game, was found to-day.

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#### HISTORY OF McNAMARA CASE IN BRIEF.

October 1, 1910—Los Angeles Times plant and two private dwellings dynamited; twenty-one persons killed.

October 5—Detective William J. Burns and his agency employed to run down the criminals.

December 25—Llewellyn Iron Works partly wrecked by explosion.

January 8, 1911—Grand jury returned indictments against Brice, Schmidt, and Caplan.

April 12—James B. McNamara and Ortie E. McManigal arrested in Detroit and taken to Chicago.

April 15—Secret indictments filed by grand jury against James B. McNamara, Ortie E. McManigal, and John J. McNamara, charging them with destruction of the Times.

April 22—John J. McNamara arrested in Indianapolis, extradited immediately, and rushed across the continent to Los Angeles, being joined on way by James McNamara and McManigal.

October 11—Trial begun.

December 1—McNamaras plead guilty.

#### Clerk, in Service 63 Years, Wants His Salary Cut

Thomas Harrison Asks Navy Department Officials to Relieve Him of Responsible Job.

Thomas Harrison, a government clerk, yesterday requested that his annual salary be cut \$400, and that he be given a subordinate position.

Both the request and the circumstances of the case are so unusual as to have attracted considerable attention at the Navy Department. Harrison will have been in the government service sixty-three years on December 6. This is believed to be the record for longevity of service in a government department. At the age of twenty, in 1848, he began as a clerk in the Naval Observatory, and has been there ever since, now holding the position of chief clerk.

In his request Harrison stated that he felt his years compelled him to ask for easier work, with less responsibility. Navy department officials were astounded to find a man of such advanced age still in the service, but investigation proved Harrison still efficient. His request will be granted on the day he completes his sixty-third year of service.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Winthrop pointed to the incident as a strong argument for a system whereby aged clerks might be retired on pensions after long service under the government.

MARRIAGE KILLS HIM. Six Hours After Wedding Groom Dies of Heart Failure.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Six hours after being married to Miss Susie White, of Rome, N. Y., Herbert Lutz, of Philadelphia, died of heart disease here.

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### BROTHERS PLEAD GUILTY AS CASE NEARS A CLIMAX

Evidence Too Strong to Withstand, and Attorneys Advise Making Clean Breast of the Whole Affair.

#### WILL RESULT IN LIGHTER SENTENCE

Intense Excitement Follows Plea in Open Court—Adjournment Taken in the Morning Forecast Startling Developments.

Los Angeles, Dec. 1.—Within fifteen minutes after their case had been called this afternoon, James B. and John Joseph McNamara, whose trial for dynamiting two buildings has stirred the nation, climaxed in astounding fashion the legal battle which it seemed was to continue for years.

James B. McNamara pleaded guilty to the charge of blowing up the Los Angeles Times, in which catastrophe twenty-one men were killed. John J. McNamara, the younger brother, entered the same plea to the charge that he had destroyed the Llewellyn Iron Works by dynamite.

A more unprecedented and totally unexpected ending to a murder trial is not recorded in the legal history of this country. Spectators, witnesses, and even Judge Walter Bordwell, who sat in judgment on the case, seemed dazed for a moment, as in the one word "guilty" there came to them the stupendous knowledge that the great McNamara trial was over, the conspirators had confessed, and the national flame of agitation made by the American Federation of Labor had in an instant burned to ashes.

#### NO ONE DREAMED OF CLIMAX.

Throughout the morning there came rumors and suggestions of great sensations, more bribery scandal, a new charge against the men, and what not. From the moment in the forenoon when District Attorney Fredericks asked for a continuance until 2 o'clock this afternoon the courthouse was as a hive. Every one thought something. Not one even dreamed of what was to come.

The two men were brought in at 2 o'clock, brought into a court room that was crowded as it has not been since the beginning of the trial. Men, women, and children, friends of the accused, and the anti-union faction were all represented in the throng that crowded every seat, filled the aisles, and hovered against the whitewashed walls.

The inscrutable faces of Clarence Darrow, chief counsel for the accused; the two McNamaras, and the district attorney told nothing. Only the slight pallor of the elder brother, James, who was to admit that he had, with premeditation, killed a man, might have warned the psychologist of an impending crisis.

There was the customary droning of orders. A baby cried, and the mother carried it to the corridor amid a silence like the ominous stillness that precedes a thunderstorm. Then—

#### JAMES McNAMARA CHANGES PLEA.

The district attorney, bulky and deep-voiced, arose and strode to the clerk's desk, where he picked up the indictments charging the two men with their crimes. Flipping these documents across his left hand, the district attorney stepped in front of the table and faced the brothers.

"J. B. McNamara, will you please stand up," said the district attorney in a voice that boomed loudly through the room, where intense silence reigned.

Slowly, but with apparently no more concern than when he followed the deputy sheriffs that guard him from the room at the end of a day, the prisoner arose and gazed steadily at his accuser.

"James B. McNamara, you have heretofore been arraigned on this indictment, No. 6938, and have entered your plea thereto of not guilty. Do you wish to withdraw your plea?" Frederick demanded. Without a motion, yet distinctly, the prisoner answered:

"Yes, sir."

#### COURT IN UPROAR.

Fredericks then asked formally whether the defendant desired to plead at this time. Attorney Davis answered for him, stating that he did.

"To this indictment, charging you with the crime of murder, do you plead guilty or not guilty?" asked Frederick.

"Guilty," was the calm response. "Guilty, your honor," came the deep bass of the district attorney like a magnificent echo of the prisoner's word.

Then, like the instant of a storm, the tense silence of the court room broke into a storm of voices.

A man in the rear of the court room, forcing his way through the crowded throng of spectators, caught toward the clerk's desk where James McNamara, a slight smile on his face, still stood as though expecting something more.

"You lied to us all, didn't you?" the man cried in a voice that broke. He was silenced by his friends and led away.

A score of the friends of the brothers left the court room, heads bowed and tears streaming from their eyes. And during it all the two brothers, with shoulders squared and heads erect, faced the district attorney as if confident that they had nothing more to fear.

The officers of the court bent upon the

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